



# St. Mary's Academy School Profile

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## School Enrollment:

There are approximately 220 students enrolled in grades 9-12.

## Faculty and Staff:

4 administrators, 24 teachers, 1 college counselor, 1 learning specialist, 13 staff and adjunct athletic coaches.

## Ratios:

The student to teacher ratio is 12:1.

Average Class Size 21:1

## Curriculum:

St. Mary's Academy is a college preparatory school where students are expected to maintain at least a C average (2.0) in all academic subjects. Classes meet five times per week and earn 5 credits per semester. Students must earn a minimum of 230 credits to receive a St. Mary's Academy diploma.

## Grading:

St. Mary's Academy has a traditional A to F grading system. GPA's are calculated on a weighted 4-point scale including one grade point increase for AP and Honors (H) courses.

## Profile:

St. Mary's Academy is a Catholic, private, college preparatory high school for young women serving approximately 250 students in grades 9 through 12. Since 1889, St. Mary's Academy has educated young women from the Los Angeles Community for the last 131 years in the tradition of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Graduates from St. Mary's Academy are shaped to be women of distinction who are committed to lifelong learning and service to the "dear neighbor". Together with the students' families, the administration, faculty, and staff are committed to forming a Christian community that nurtures and challenges each young woman to attain her full potential.

## Accreditation:

St. Mary's Academy received the highest level of accreditation, a six-year term from the WCEA and WASC, in Spring 2022.

## School Community:

St. Mary's Academy serves a religiously, culturally and economically diverse enrollment population. Approximately 53% of students are Latina, 40% African American, 6% Multicultural and Other. St. Mary's Academy has a long history of educating young women from the Los Angeles and Inglewood, CA communities.

## Achievements of the Class of 2023:

- 100% pursuing higher education
- Nearly \$5 Million Earned in Scholarships
- Graduates earned full tuition and/or full-ride scholarships from Evans and Gates

## Distance Learning:

Beginning in March 2020, the school adjusted the learning schedule to ensure instructional minutes were not compromised. Teachers implemented both synchronous and asynchronous learning models to continue delivering course content and assess student mastery of the standards. While teaching strategies and assessment protocols changed, core grading principles, weighting, and communication stayed the same.

## Career Paths Programs:

The Career Path Programs at St. Mary's Academy engages students in specifically designed courses and real-world applications of careers in Health Care, Engineering and the Arts.

The Health Careers Program (HCP) immerses students in the biomedical sciences and allows them to explore a wide array of careers in medicine and healthcare. Through Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science courses, the HCP empowers students to build knowledge and skills through challenging project-based learning, as well as in-demand, transportable skills like problem solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, and collaboration. The HCP also encourages students to develop their understanding of medical ethics, legal responsibilities, and cultural diversity in healthcare while introducing them to new frontiers in medicine. Students in the HCP gain real-world experience with regular clinical visits, speakers, volunteer service, and training sessions.

The Engineering Program introduces young women to the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). By engaging in cross-disciplinary classroom experience as well as design projects and team competitions with other schools, students graduate from the program qualified and motivated to meet the demands of STEM courses in college. The program is certified by Project Lead the Way, a nationwide coordinated

### Class Rank:

St. Mary's Academy does not compute class rank.

### Courses:

Theology	40 credits
Social Studies	30 credits
English	40 credits
Math	30 credits
Science	20 credits
LOTE	20 credits
VAPA	10 credits
Electives	40 credits
PE	10 credits

### Advanced Placement Courses:

English	Language and Literature
Math	Calculus AB
Social Science	World History, US History, and US Government
Science	Biology
LOTE	Spanish Language
Art	Studio Art
Elective	Seminar

### Honors Courses:

English	Lang. Comp 1, World Lit
Math	Algebra 2, Pre Calculus
Science	Chemistry, Biology

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engineering education curriculum, and affiliated with FIRST, the worldwide high school robotics competition.

The Arts Program prepares young women for a successful transition into college in the areas of visual, performing and media arts. The Arts Program offers students both theory and hands-on experience in various creative art topics. Students may choose to join the Media Arts, Visual Arts, or Performing Arts track. The program exposes students to project-based learning, experiential learning, and the opportunity to work with teaching artists that are professionals in the field. After successful completion of the Arts Program, an SMA student will have gained extensive exposure to that particular field including career options.

### Athletics:

SMA's Athletic Department prides itself on developing the whole student athlete by meeting the mental, physical, and spiritual needs of each student. Current varsity teams include cheerleading, cross country, volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball, and track & field. SMA cheerleaders perform not only at home games, but also for the football team at Verbum Dei High School. SMA athletic teams compete in the CIF Southern Section. Teams consistently advance to playoffs, especially track & field, winning various league and CIF championship titles. Numerous girls have received athletic scholarships and are competing at the collegiate level and beyond.

### College acceptances from current and previous graduates:

Adelphi University	Holy Names University	Simpson University
Arizona State University	Howard University	Smith College
Azusa Pacific University	Jackson State University	Spelman College
Bethune Cookman University	Langston University	St. John's University
Biola University	Loyola Marymount University	State University of New York
Boise State University	Loyola University, Chicago	Syracuse University
Bucknell University	Macquarie University	Texas Christian University
CA State University (14)	Marist College	Texas Southern University
Cal Lutheran University	Middleton University	Tulane University
Carnegie Mellon University	Montana State University	Tuskegee
Clark Atlanta University	Morgan State University	University of CA (9)
Cornell University	Mount St. Mary's University	University of Chicago
Dillard	New York University	University of Colorado
Embry-Riddle University	Northern Arizona University	University of LaVerne
Emory University	North Carolina University	University of Nevada at Las Vegas
FISK	Oral Roberts University	University of New Mexico
Florida A&M	Otis College of Art and Design	University of Redlands
George Fox University	Our Lady of the Lakes University	University of San Francisco
George Washington University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Southern California
Gonzaga	Prairie View A&M University	University of Texas at San Antonio
Grambling State University	Rio Hondo College	University of the Pacific
Grand Canyon University	Rust University	Vanguard
Hampton University	Saint Mary's College	Whittier College
Harding University	Santa Clara University	Woodbury University
Hawaii Pacific University	Seattle Pacific University	Xavier University of Louisiana



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